than thrillers with crime and sex, little is displayed worth viewing by Doordarshan especially for children;

(b) what percentage of coverage for children exhibits on DD is given on national channels; and

(c) what special efforts are being made to introduce more children programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. Prasar Bharati have intimated that no cheap thrillers with sex or crime are telecast on Doordarshan. Doordarshan previews all its programmes before telecast to ensure that they are suitable for family viewing and conform to the provisions of Broadcast and Advertisement Codes.

(b) and (c) Approximately 3.5% of the coverage on National Network relates to children's programme. A number of programmes for children are telecast by Doordarshan. Seven programmes per week on DD-1 and 20—30 programmes on DD-2 are presently being telecast. Regional Kendras also telecast children's programmes twice/thrice a week. On important occasions, special programmes for children are telecast both on the National and Regional Network. Special programmes are also telecast every year during summer vacations.

Request of Asiatic Society for access to President's Archives, Moscow

*174. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on a request from the Asiatic Society, Calcutta, his Ministry showed reluctance to approach the Government of Russian Federation to make access of the researchers of the Asiatic Society to KGB and the President's Archives, Moscow; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Asiatic Society, Calcutta, addressed a letter dated 15 November 1996 to the Minister of External Affairs requesting that an approach be made to the Government of the Russian Federation to permit access by its scholars to "the President's Archive, Archive of Foreign Security Service and the Archives of Army General Staff". In response it was conveyed to the Asiatic Society on 26 November 1996 that the archives to which access was being sought were essentially intelligence and security related archives which have not been declassified. Asiatic Society, Calcutta, was advised to continue to make efforts to obtain information on Indo-Russian relations through its counterpart organisation, the Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow.

Compensation to World Tel by Doordarshan

*175. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has been asked by arbitrators to pay World Tel $ 7 million in compensation in a dispute over the telecast of the World Cup in 1996; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The award is being examined.

Enhancement of Postal Charges

*176. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total additional revenue from expected to be collected on an annual